

- [54] **AUTOMATIC EDITING METHOD**  
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Methods and systems to avoid manually retyping or rekeyboarding textual material when revising or correcting the information contained in a record either while originally preparing the information or at a later date. The use of print readers or character recognition device to accomplish this "editing" is disclosed, as well as editing using paper tape typewriters, display devices, and other means such as using editing instructions. Methods are also disclosed for automatically reformatting the information into lines after insertions, deletions or other changes requiring shifting of the line layout of the information.

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